

## LATVIA

### a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	Dec 90	Law on the Border of the Republic of Latvia	12 nm	
	Aug 92	Decree No. 352		Creates enabling legislation for procedures governing the arrival and stay of foreign warships in the territorial sea.  To the extent such procedures restrict innocent passage in territorial waters, they are not recognized by the U.S.
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	Dec 92		1958 DEF	Accession to the 1958 Continental Shelf Convention
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Feb 93	Act on Continental Shelf & Economic Zone	200nm	EEZ.
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jul 96	Agreement		Maritime delimitation agreement with Estonia signed (Gulf of Riga, Strait of Irbe, and the Baltic Sea).

### c. MARITIME BOUNDARIES

#### MARITIME BOUNDARY: ESTONIA - LATVIA

#### Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia on the Maritime Delimitation in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea (excerpts) (July 1996)

The Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia, hereafter referred to as the Parties, desiring to establish the maritime boundary between the two States in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea,

acknowledging the provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and general principles of international law as a basis for such a maritime delimitation,

recalling the importance of ensuring freedom of navigation and overflight in each other's vessels and aircraft in accordance with international law,

wishing to contribute to stability in the Baltic Sea region in general, and in particular to stability in the area being delimited,

recalling the traditional cooperation between Parties in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea,

recognizing the obligation under international law of protecting the marine environment,

desiring to cooperate with each other in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea with regard to the conservation, exploration, and exploitation of living resources in accordance with the provision of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

noting the Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia on the re-establishment of the State Border of 20 March 1992,

have agreed as follows:

#### Article 1

The maritime boundary between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and in the Baltic Sea referred to in this Agreement is the maritime boundary with respect to the territorial seas, the exclusive economic zones, the continental shelf, and any other maritime zones which might be established by the contracting Parties in accordance with the provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and principles of international law.

#### Article 2

The maritime boundary between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia in the Gulf of Riga and the Strait of Irbe consists of straight geodetic lines connecting the points with the following geographical coordinates:

POINT	LATITUDE N	LONGITUDE E
1	57° 52, 471'	24° 21, 406'
2	57° 55, 033'	24° 15, 667'
3	57° 53, 950'	24° 12, 567'
4	57° 53, 950'	23° 36, 067'
5	57° 46, 974'	23° 38, 910'
6	57° 40, 173'	23° 34, 940'
7	57° 35, 630'	23° 24, 361'
8	57° 35, 183'	23° 10, 850'
9	57° 42, 133'	22° 59, 950'
10	57° 46, 831'	22° 54, 461'
11	57° 56, 450'	22° 42, 450'
12	57° 55, 644'	22° 35, 016'
13	57° 46, 750'	22° 08, 600'
14	57° 44, 967'	21° 54, 967'
15	57° 45, 783'	21° 50, 567'

....

#### Article 3

The maritime boundary between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia continuing into the Baltic Sea from point # 15 defined in Article 2 as a straight geodetic line in the azimuth of 289° 19, 35' up to the boundary of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the Kingdom of Sweden. The azimuth is defined by adding 90° to the azimuth at the median point of the straight geodetic line between the point at the Southern Rock of Cape Loode with geographical coordinates 57° 57, 4760' N; 21° 58, 2789' E and the point at Ovisi Lighthouse with geographical coordinates 57° 34, 1234' N; 21° 42, 9574' E.

The precise coordinates of point # 16 where this maritime boundary meets the boundary of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the Kingdom of Sweden shall be determined by a trilateral agreement between the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Kingdom of Sweden.